Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I mentioned the things that we are doing. The Industrial schools that have come into existence, both Central and Rural, and the agricultural institutions that we are yet going to open.

Deputy President.—Do you like to take the sense of the the House?

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—I should like to do so.

(The resolution was put and negatived.)

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—I press for a poll, Sir.

Deputy President.—There are altogether only four or five to support.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Some sort of exercise.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—You did not ring the bell.

Deputy President.—Oh, yes. Only there are four or five to support the resolution.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—So a poll is very easy.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—It is not so easy. We have to write the names of all.

The House divided: Ayes 3 and Noes 15.

Ayes.

1	Mr. C. Barton Wright	3	Mr. P. Krishna Menon
2	„ A. S. Harihara Ayyar		

Messrs.	*Noes.*	Messrs.
1 C. V. Antony	9	A. K. Kunju Moideen
2 V. K. Aravindaksha Menon	10	Rao Sahib C. Mathai
3 E. Ikkanda Warriar	11	K. Mohamed Seethin
4 K. Govinda Menon	12	P. Nilakanta Meno
5 U. Kandar Menon	13	I. Raman Menon
6 T. K. Krishna Menon	14	A. Sankara Menon
7 T. M. Krishna Menon	15	Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese
8 K. Krishna Pisharodi		

16. Corruption among Police Officers.

As Mr. K. T. Mathew, the mover was absent, the following resolution was considered withdrawn:—

"This Council recommends to the Government to appoint a Committee of three non-officials elected by the Legislative Council and two officials, namely, the District Magistrate and the Commissioner of Police, to enquire into and report upon the alleged corruption and other complaints reported against some of the police officers stationed at Kunnamkulam within the last one year."

17. Panchayat allotments to be non-lapsable.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—*"This Council recommends that Panchayat allotments be made non-lapsable."*

The Council is aware that allotments made to Panchayats every year, if not utilised in that particular year, are under the existing rules to lapse at the end of the year, and the amounts will

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not be available for Panchayats to be utilised next year. We find that large amounts are allowed to lapse by the Panchayat Department at the end of every year. That has been at least the experience since this Council began to function from the year 1100. For the last four years sums varying from 10,000 to 40,000 rupees roughly have lapsed every year. In the case of Panchayats, it is brought about by this way. Before the beginning of a year, all Panchayats are asked to submit budget proposals. The Panchayatdars include various items not knowing what all items will be sanctioned. The Superintendent also is not sure which all items will be sanctioned by the Government and he selects certain items and sends them with his recommendations to the Government. Then the Huzur Secretariat scrutinises the various items and selects some items from the recommendations, and the final allotment will be decided only when the State budget is passed by this Council. Then the reverse process begins. The budget has to go back to the Panchayats. It generally takes two or three months before a Panchayat is able to know what are the allotments which it has really got in a particular year. Then begins the correspondence between the Panchayat and the Superintendent's office regarding the details of the various items. This process takes six months. So nine months of the year are over. We have got the last three months, Edavam, Mithunam and Karkadagam, when it will not be possible, on account of the rains, generally to do any work. That has been the experience of most of the Panchayats, and it is to avoid that, the Special Finance Committee has recommended that the Panchayat allotments should be made non-lapsable so that every Panchayat should be allowed to preserve the gifts in its favour and accumulate the amounts to its credit for the next year. If there are big schemes requiring larger outlay, the Panchayats will be able to utilise all the amounts which have accumulated and that is an additional advantage of the suggestion if it is allowed to accumulate. What is wanted is only a change in the rules to be made by the Comptroller so that these allotments will be made to accumulate to the credit of these Panchayats. It is for these reasons that I move this resolution.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—I second that resolution.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I support the resolution. In the Administration Report, every year you will find printed in large characters that 'large sums of money are allotted for Panchayats'. "More money is allotted this year for Panchayats than last year, etc." But you will find large amounts lapsing in proportion to the increase of allotments also. What is the use of allotting if the allotted sum is not spent for the purposes for which it is intended?

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Mr. I. Raman Menon.—That is not a correct statement.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—But the statement is true. Year before last more than Rs. 10,000 lapsed and last year more than Rs. 20,000 lapsed. So with the increase of allotment there is an increase in the lapsing also. So I move that these Panchayat allotments should not lapse.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I too support the resolution. I do not think a speech is necessary.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Is the Government opposing it? Let us see whether the Government is opposing it.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—On a point of information. What is the difference between the lapsing of funds for Panchayats and Public Works?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—You must be able to know.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—No difference. But there is this difference. There we are dealing with an efficient Department presided over by an efficient Head. In the case of the Panchayats, they are only poor people, who may be ignorant and not very competent to do all these things within the prescribed time. That is a great difference.

Deputy President.—Amounts should accumulate to the credit of the particular Panchayat.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Sir, what is more, this resolution has been pressed and passed in this House. I do not think Government opposed it. It was passed once or twice, and it is very vexatious owing to the carelessness of these people. The people in the interior are made to suffer. Then the Superintendent cannot come and press the people to do some work. Year after year the lapses take place and they cannot get their legitimate share of contribution. That is the only reason.

Deputy President.—Has the Panchayat Member anything to say in regard to this?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I have nothing to say because the whole matter has been dealt with by the Finance Committee.

(*The resolution was put and agreed to.*)

18. Text Book Committee and Board of Studies.

Deputy President.—Resolution No. 18 by Mr. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Sir, the resolution reads thus:—"*This Council recommends to the Government that there should always be two non-official Members of the Legislative Council on the Text-Book Committee and the Board of Studies and that the appointments of such Members be made forthwith*".

This resolution only presses upon the Government the desirability of having two of the non-official Members of this

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